



**HENRY STREET
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EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ This week our Manhattan Charter School 2 program honored their teachers as the program concluded this month's celebration of women. The participants broke up into small groups to create vibrant apples to give to their teachers. These apples are a symbol of their appreciation for everything they're teachers have taught them.
- ❖ This week's highlight for the after-school program at PS 134 was their "Woman's History Month" Sharing. During their "all about creative learning" sessions, the students prepared for this moment as they learned about several significant female figures (both past and present) and the industries on which they had an impact. Our K/1 group of students learned about Bessie Smith, Salina and Nina Simone. The Second grade group shared what they learned about aviation and astronautics, particularly about the lives of Bessie Coleman, Sally Ride and Dr. Mae Jemison. Our Fifth grade focused on Sports. Our K-2 group focused on one woman in the field of Education, and one from the Performing Arts. Mary Jane Patterson was the first Black woman in the United States to graduate from an established 4-year college with a B.A. degree in 1862. Misty Copeland recently became the first African-American Principal Ballerina in the prestigious American Ballet Theater.
- ❖ ESOL Basics class continued a unit on neighborhoods by learning about giving directions. The students gave and followed directions to various neighborhood places on a map. The intermediate class continued working on a project about famous places in their countries, which will be displayed in the classroom.
- ❖ The ESL 1 job class finished their last week of classes, polishing difficult customer stories, recording and watching final mock interviews, reviews, and holding a class party (a true feast!). ESL 2 Job Readiness students practiced answering phone calls, leaving voicemails, recording new voicemails, and answering the interview questions, "Tell me about yourself" and "Tell me about your experience."
- ❖ In HSE/ABE the first field trip to the Grange Museum, home of Alexander Hamilton in Harlem, was of great interest to the students, especially the ones from other countries. With videos, displays, and a personal tour of the reconstructed rooms on the first floor, we felt transported to the 1800s. It was very educational!
- ❖ In our Cornerstone HSE class, the class received a visit from the Director of Adult Education, Ned Garner. The class is continuing to develop skills in decimal, fractions, and percentage operations aligned with math on the HSE exam. The class also wrapped up the Physical Science Section and will do a review assessment in the next session. We started the United History section of Exploration, Colonialization, and Revolution, the Civil War and Westward Expansion. The class wrapped the week up by viewing the documentary film "The 13th".
- ❖ This week at OCA our 9th graders participated in the monthly Freshman Success Community Meeting. They reflected on their experiences so far this year and were acknowledged for their successes with attendance. In addition, college acceptances continue to roll in. This week students received acceptances to SUNY Binghamton through EOP, Ithaca through HEOP, Hunter, Baruch, City College, CSI, BMCC, York, and Brooklyn College.
- ❖ Our Early Childhood Education Program had a visit from Jets football player Quincy Enunwas #81 on Thursday. The children greeted Quincy in the lobby and gave him a special sign they made earlier in the day. Quincy talked to the children for a short time and took pictures.
- ❖ The Expanded Horizons Program hosted a Immigration Know Your Rights Event on March 28th. The speakers did connect with two families and we were able to build relationships that we hope to leverage for future events or to support our students. A SUNY Representative visited the 9/10th grade cohort on Monday and gave students an overview of the SUNY System and tips on how best to prepare for the application process.

- ❖ This week, College Success hosted a college transition workshop on Time Management and Academic Planning for our rising college freshmen. Students learned effective strategies and tips on how to manage their time, stay on task with assignments, improve their noting taking skills and study habits, and how to navigate a college syllabus. In addition, success counselors are preparing for a visit to Boston to meet with alumni attending colleges in the area over the weekend. Students will receive one-on-one academic check-ins followed by a group dinner to help students get acquainted with each other to form and establish lasting networking relationships.
- ❖ This past Thursday we had our BGR Flag Football League Super 6 match up between Smoove Society and Skyforce Legion. This was the third straight year these two teams met in the Super Bowl. Before the game kicked off, we had an awards ceremony and a special guest, Quincy Enunwa, Wide Receiver from the New York Jets. Quincy handed out the season awards, which included Season MVP, Rookie MVP, Pro Bowl Game MVP, Rookie Pro Bowl Game MVP, Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Sportsmanship Award, and Coach of the Year. After the season awards were given out, Quincy flipped the coin to determine which team would get possession first for Super 6. Skyforce Legion defeated Smoove Society 51 to 26. Austin Rosado named the 2017 Super Bowl 6 MVP with 7 passing touchdowns, 1 sack and 2 flags pulled. Austin Rosado at the end of the night walked away with 4 trophies which included Season MVP, Pro Bowl Game MVP, Super 6 MVP, and the Championship Trophy.
- ❖ This past Saturday we had our 4th Annual BGR NBA League Draft and 41 players participated. They were all excited to be placed on one of the 8 BGR NBA teams. Demond Parker was selected number 1 overall by the Cavaliers. Once all participants were drafted we held, for the first time ever, 4 preseason games! The Preseason games allowed coaches and players to have a feel for their team, the competition, and allowed the league office to evaluate teams and make the right decision on placing free agents on teams. The BGR NBA Season will officially begin Wednesday April 6th with the Knicks vs. Warriors followed by Nets vs. Spurs.
- ❖ This Past Wednesday the Executive Director of Henry Street Settlement, David Garza, and The Director of Education for Henry Street Settlement, Brian McCollam, sat down and met with the BGR and Cornerstone Elected Officials. They talked about ideas on how to make BGR and Cornerstone a better place for all citizens of the program.
- ❖ This past Friday we held a Town Hall Meeting with all BGR and Cornerstone citizens. Citizens had ideas for spring break such as going on trips, creating a Easter egg hunt, decorating the council chamber, and having an Easter party. Citizens brought up the following issues: equal gym time for all groups, better snack and dinner, creating better activities for the Cornerstone game room, upgrading the computers at cornerstone, and hosting more fundraisers to raise money for the BGR/Cornerstone Treasury.
- ❖ This week at the Boys and Girls Republic After-School Program, Unit 1A crafted 3D traffic signs during visual arts. Unit 3A continued their family history projects by having the participants research members of their family trees. Their findings will be chronicled in a family history book, which the participants will take home to share with their loved ones.
- ❖ This week at the BGR SONYC program, the LIT's were finally able to submit their application for the Young Citizens Competition and Conference. The submission was completed with a 3-minute video created by the participants, which summarized their project and "Call to Action" message. The LIT's also helped prepare for a special guest who visited the BGR facility this week. Quincy Enunwa, wide receiver for the New York Jets, came to our program. Our LIT's prepared his welcoming committee by making signs and posters to greet Mr. Enunwa. It was a very exciting event and Mr. Enunwa was gracious enough to answer our students questions, pose for photographs, and sign autographs.
- ❖ This week the Jacob Riis After-School Program was filled with creative, artistic activities. Looking to unwind after a long week of standardized testing, Unit 3 created abstract watercolor paintings. To enhance their pieces, Unit 3 covered their canvases with masking tape. After painting each layer, Unit 3 removed the tape so that new areas of the canvas could be painted. Unit 1A used tie-dye to also make their own unique prints. By dipping canvases into a swirled solution of tie-dye, the participants were able to create an original print that was different each time they repeated the process. Unit 2 completed an engineering activity where they built their own bridges using different materials. The bridges were then tested for weight capacity and stability. This activity helped Unit 2 students develop their understanding about basic engineering principles.
- ❖ YAIP Cohort 16A graduate Alberto Wilson began his YAIP journey this last summer and his professional development has skyrocketed since he began. He interned at State Senator Squadron's office, and after graduating he found entry-level retail work at Uniqlo. Now, moving into the Outcome II period, Alberto was recently hired into a leadership training track at Zara's Inditex. He's successfully

completed training and is being groomed for a management position at the company.

- ❖ This week at BLS, the Global Nomads Group was completely rolled out with all participating teachers and students, in conjunction with the Community School team. Global Nomads is an organization that partners students in American schools with students in Muslim countries in order to foster dialogue and understanding among the worlds' youth. BLS students will be interacting with students in Tangier through the use of virtual exchange. Students use technology to speak to students across the world in real time. They will be investigating the questions, "how do we, as youth, engage our communities to create positive social change?" The program was brought to the school by the Community Schools team in order to meet the needs of students wanting to know more about Islamaphobia, which was identified as an issue last year.
- ❖ This week at AGL our Freshmen Success students celebrated their academic growth with an awesome trip to the Prospect Park skating rink. Parent teacher conferences were great and our phone calls home really paid off. We got to chat with a lot of parents and discuss ways we can continue to support their students and help get them to the finish line in June. Additionally, we achieved 6 more of our NDA outcomes!!! We have now achieved 30 of our 32 outcomes.
- ❖ K. G. registered with Jobs Plus in December of 2016. When K.G. came in, he stated he was actively looking for construction job opportunities. He was literally walking the streets with his hard hat and knapsack, going from site to site trying to capture employment on a construction site. He was exhausted but motivated to keep going. He decided to join Jobs Plus when one of his peers suggested that the program could help him. K.G. met with his Employment Coordinator and explained to him he worked well with his hands and was very familiar with the early day/long evening hours for a construction job. Another Jobs Plus member that also worked in construction recently informed his Employment Coordinator, that he was relocating. His position was available. The Employment Coordinator passed this information along to K.G. who immediately followed up with the employer. K.G. scheduled the interview for that Monday and he began working the very next day. He was ecstatic.
- ❖ This week, JET member and Project Rise Graduate J.S. is an example of the benefits to the supportive and collaborative services of WDC. This member successfully completed his HSE approximately two years ago and built strong experience in customer service, allowing him to interview and land a spot with Zara Salta. He's completed the two-week training at corporate and is now training and shadowing with a mentor in the SOHO Store.
- ❖ This past week, the Cornerstone Evening Program focused on our weekly workout classes and fun games. The participants spend hours each day throwing the football, and hanging outside with the beautiful change in weather. We ended the week with soft fudge brownies with colorful M&M in each bite.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| ❖ April 5 | OCA 9 th Grade College Trip | |
| ❖ April 6, 7 | PGC Spring Retreat | BLS |
| ❖ April 7 | EES Spring Retreat – All Programs Closed | |
| ❖ April 10 | School Holiday Spring Break Camp Begins | BGR/PS 20 |
| ❖ April 24 | Week of the Child Celebration Begin | |
| ❖ May 3 | BLS Community School Forum | |
| ❖ May 9 | Community School Forum | BLS |
| ❖ May 16 | Blood Drive | BLS |
| ❖ May 17 | OCA Community School Forum | |
| ❖ May 18 | Production of Grease | BLS |
| ❖ May 22 | OCA Admitted Student Night | |
| ❖ May 25 | OCA Talent Show | |